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SYDNEY-ATLANTA DIALOGUE. PARTICIPANTS UN USIS SYDNEYSS SECOND EDITION OF "BALLOT BOX 76" WERE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN A TRANSPACIFIC DIALOGUE WITH HAMILTON JORDAN IN CARTER S ATLANTA HEADQUARTERS. THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED THE HEAD OF THE AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION, NATIONAWIDE RADIO, THE NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY WOMEN, MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, FOREIGN AFFAIRS EDITORS, RADIO/TV COMMENTATORS, AND THE HEAD OF THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION. MOST PARTICIPANTS WERE ABLE TO QUERY MR. JORDAN AND RICHARD HOLBROOKE, CARTER S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER, ON A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS. ALL AGREED THAT THROUGH THIS MEDIUM THEY WERE ABLE TO GET A GREATER INSIGHT INTO THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED ENQUIRIES REGARDING A PROJECTED MEETING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

VOLSPKR JOHN HANCOCK CONCLUDED HIS AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM WITH A LATE AFTERNOON PRESENTATION OF "THE CHANGING CITY
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IN BICENTENNIAL AMERICA" TO A GENERAL AUDIENCE AT THE

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

LEADERS OF THE TWO COMMERCIAL TV TEAMS ACCOMPANYING PM FRASER TO THE U.S. RETURNED WITH GLOWING PRAISE OF THINGS AMERICAN. BOTH SOUGHT OUT THE PAO TO COMMENT ON NOT ONLY THE TREATMENT ACCORDED THEM, BUT OF THE STYLE OF LIFE IN THOSE CITIES VISITED. IT WAS A FIRST VISIT FOR BOTH AND THEY WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE "RELAXED ATTITUDES" OF EVERYONE THEY MET. EACH HAD ANTICIPATEDN ESPECIALLY IN WASHINGTON, "UPTIGHT POLITICIANS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS", NONE OF WHICH WAS ENCOUNTERED. THE EXPERIENCE HERALDS A MUCH MORE OBJECTIVE RELATIONSHIP BY BOTH INDIVIDUALS TOWARD THE U.S. WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BE REFLECTED IN THEIR REPORTING.

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